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SUBJECT: BAUXITE:INTERNATIONAL BAUXITE ASSOCIATION (IBA)

TO STUDY MINIMUM PRICES

REF KINGSTON 3931

1. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, EXPERTS FROM THE TEN IBA MEMBER COUNTRIES ARE TO MEET IN KINGSTON NEXT WEEK TO DISCUSS FACTORS WHICH AFFECT MINIMUM PRICES SINCE THERE IS THE FEELING AMONG SOME MEMBERS THAT BAUXITE EARNINGS SHOULD BE STABILIZED. ALSO TO BE DISCUSSED ARE THE VARIATIONS IN THE LEVELS OF NATIONAL AND TRANSNATIONAL OWNERSHIP OF BAUXITE MINING AND PROCESSING OPERATIONS.

2. THE GROUP'S RECOMMENDATIONS ARE TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE NEXT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING NOW EXPECTED TO BE HELD IN KINGSTON IN LATE MARCH OR EARLY APRIL. IF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD RECOMMENDS EARLY ACTION, THE COUNCIL OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MINISTERS WILL CONVENE IN EMERGENCY SESSION IN KINGSTON

TO MAKE JOINT POLICY DECISIONS

3. COMMENT IBA SECRETARY GENERAL HENRI GUDA INDICATED
TO ECONOFF LAST WEEK PRICE DIFFERENTIALS BETWEEN PRODUCERS
WOULD BE DISCUSSED IN NEAR FUTURE. IT IS
OBVIOUSLY NOT IN IBA'S INTEREST FOR ONE MEMBER TO OBTAIN
COMPARATIVE PRICE ADVANTAGE OVER OTHERS OR TO NEGOTIATE
AGREEMENTS WITH BAUXITE COMPANIES WHICH WOULD PERMIT IT
TO DO SO. FOR ADDITIONAL INFO SEE KINGSLEY/GUDA MEMCON
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